



# *Mount Argus Bulletin*

## *The Parish of St Paul of the Cross*

### *and Shrine of St Charles of Mount Argus*

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#### **Masses at Mount Argus**

Sunday: 8.00 am, 11.00 am, 4.00 pm  
Monday to Friday: 10.00 am, 6.15 pm  
Saturdays: 11.00 am, 6.15 (Vigil Mass)  
Working Holydays 6.15 pm Vigil, 10.00 am, 6.15 pm

#### **Church Opening Hours**

Sunday: 7.30 to 8.45 am; 10.30 am to 5.00 pm  
Monday to Friday: 9.30 am to 6.45 pm  
Saturday: 10.30 am to 7.00 pm

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#### **Blessing with the Relic of St Charles**

Monday to Friday after 10.00 am Mass  
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday at 4.00 pm  
Saturday after 11.00 am Mass  
Sunday after 11.00 am and 4.00 pm Mass

#### **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday:  
11.00 - 11.30 am, 4.00 - 4.30 pm  
Saturday: 4.00 to 5.30 pm

**St Charles Novena Mass:** Saturday, 11.00 am

#### **Eucharistic Adoration**

Wednesdays and Fridays: 4.00 to 6.00 pm

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## **Today is the First Sunday of Advent**

### **St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal**

Envelopes for the St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal are available on the tables at the back of the church. They can be handed in at the monastery. The St Vincent de Paul Christmas Collection will be taken up after Masses on the Third Sunday of Advent, 13 December.

**Eucharistic Adoration:** This time of silent prayer and adoration takes place at the High Altar on Wednesdays and Fridays from 4.00 to 6.00 pm.

**Times of Prayer:** The Rosary is prayed after morning Mass on weekdays (Monday to Saturday), except on Fridays when we pray the Stations of the Cross. The Blessing with the Relic of St Charles is given after morning Mass on weekdays and after the 11.00 am and 4.00 pm Masses on Sundays. There is also a Blessing with the Relic of St Charles on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 4.00 pm.

**Thank You:** We thank those who continue to send in donations to support Mount Argus Church and the Passionist Community during these days. Donations received this week amounted to €1,211.

**Donations:** With the “Donate” button on our website you can contribute to the Collection at Mass or Light a Candle. If you are sending a cheque, please make it out to “Passionist Congregation”.

**Collection Basket:** For those who are attending Mass in church, there will be a collection basket available at the back of the church.

#### **MOUNT ARGUS PARISH MISSION STATEMENT**

Our mission is to be a living parish where all will feel welcome, everyone will be appreciated and encouraged to use their gifts and people and priests work together to develop a community of faith and compassion.

**Office Hours:** To contact one of the Passionist priests or brothers, please call 01-499-2000. **The office at the monastery remains closed** but the phone is attended from 9.30 am to 1.00 pm and from 1.30 pm to 5.00 pm Monday to Friday, and from 9.30 am to 1.00 pm on Saturday. Outside of those hours you can leave a message and we will call you back. If you are looking to have a Mass offered or for Mass Cards, please call the office (01-499-2000); cards can be posted out to you.

**Christmas Cards:** Christmas Cards for enrolment in the Passionist Mass Guild are now available. Please phone the monastery during office hours for information.

### **Mount Argus Church Update – Moving from Level 5 to Level 3 – 29 November 2020**

We begin the public celebration of Mass again on Tuesday, 1 December. Masses will be at 10.00 am and 6.15 pm, Monday to Friday. On Saturday, Mass will be at 11.00 am and 6.15 pm. Sunday Mass will be at 8.00 am, 11.00 am and 4.00 pm. There will be no 9.00 am Mass on Saturday for the time being. We will continue to livestream Mass every morning and evening as usual. The Bishops have said that the obligation to attend Sunday Mass is still suspended.

During this time, the number attending Mass at Mount Argus is restricted to 50 on weekdays, and two zones of 50 each at the public Masses on Saturday and Sunday. We encourage you to phone the office to book to attend Mass. This will guarantee that there is a seat for you when you come to Mass. It also means that if there is a funeral, we can contact you to ask you to come to a different Mass. When you call, we will ask for your name and phone number. We will not keep your name and number after the Mass has been celebrated. At present the number permitted at a wedding or funeral Mass remains at 25.

From Tuesday onwards, the church will open at 9.30 am from Monday to Friday and will remain open until after the evening Mass. On Saturday the church will open at 10.30 am until after the evening Mass. On Sunday, the church will open at 7.30 am but will close after the 8.00 am Mass and re-open at 10.30 am. This is to allow us to clean and prepare the church for each Mass. The church will remain open after the 11.00 am Mass on Sunday and close after the 4.00 pm Mass.

This week we will also begin having confessions with some changes to the confession times. This is because we cannot use the confessional room but need to use an area with better ventilation. Confessions on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday will be from 11.00 to 11.30 am and from 4.00 to 4.30 pm, with the Blessing with the Relic of St Charles at 4.00 pm (as well as after morning Mass). Confessions on Saturday will be from 4.00 to 5.30 in the afternoon. Beginning on Wednesday, 2 December, there will be Eucharistic Adoration on Wednesdays and Fridays from 4.00 to 6.00 pm.

When you come to Mount Argus, we ask you to use the hand sanitisers inside the church and to observe the one-way system of movement which is marked on the floor. The Government is recommending that those coming to church wear masks/ face coverings. We regret that the toilets are not available to visitors.

We need more volunteers for cleaning and stewarding. If you are between the ages of 18 and 70, with no underlying health concerns, and are able to help with cleaning and stewarding at Mount Argus, even for one hour per week, please contact us either by email or by phoning the office.

What will we do at Christmas? The answer to that is “we don’t know yet”. We will look at the safety issues regarding numbers at Mass for Christmas, and I will let you know next week what we intend to do.

We are happy to be welcoming you back to Mass and Confession, but we remind you of the importance of continuing to take the necessary precautions. The pandemic is not over. The virus has not gone away. We do not want people’s lives to be put at risk in church. So let’s continue to have patience and to pray for one another and support one another.

Fr Paul Francis C.P.

**(Last Sunday’s Collection did not take place    Standing Orders were approx. €250)**

**Child Safeguarding:** Mount Argus Parish is committed to ensuring the highest level of protection for all children who engage with our parish in any way. For information about the work of our Child Safeguarding Team or for the Dublin Diocese Statement, Procedures and Guidelines, see the posters on our Church notice boards or go to [www.mountargusparish.ie/child-protection](http://www.mountargusparish.ie/child-protection)  
To speak to a member of the Mount Argus Child Protection Safeguarding Team, please call 0851876203.